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NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL  
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September 1, 1948

**MEMORANDUM FOR THE NATIONAL SECURITY COUNCIL****SUBJECT:** Implementation of NSC Papers**REFERENCE:** Memo for NSC from Executive Secretary,  
same subject, dated August 2, 1948

1. The reference memorandum requested informal action by the members of the National Security Council on a procedure with respect to the subject proposed by the Department of State.

2. To date, the following replies have been received:

a. Secretary of State: Approved.

b. Secretary of Defense: Approved, subject to the following change:

"Add the following subparagraph to paragraph 2:

"c. Report to the NSC at appropriate intervals on all governmental action taken in implementation of approved NSC papers."

d. Secretary of the Army: Approved, subject to the following change:

"Revise paragraph 3 to read as follows:

"Council members not designated as action parties may send copies or extracts of papers to their field representatives for their information and guidance either at the request of the action agency or after first securing the concurrence of the designated action agency."

e. Secretary of the Navy: Reply deferred in view of proposed changes.

f. Secretary of the Air Force: New procedure proposed, as follows:

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"The procedures proposed for the implementation of NSC decisions, as set forth in the memorandum under reference, appear to impose on any department which might be designated an 'action agency', duties and responsibilities which they are not equipped to perform and which are not required to achieve the needed coordination of action.

"It is recommended as a far simpler and more satisfactory method of attaining the desired result that the following procedure be established:

- "a. Each member-agency will be responsible for any implementing action devolving upon that agency by any NSC decision.
- "b. The Executive Secretary will be responsible for advising any non-member agency of any NSC decision involving implementation action by such agency.
- "c. Each member agency will inform the Executive Secretary of pertinent action taken in the implementation of NSC decisions."

f. Chairman, National Security Resources Board:  
Approved: subject to the following change:

"I suggest that a sentence be added to Paragraph 4 as follows:

"The letter should also warn against the disclosure of classified information to unauthorized persons."

3. In the light of the divergent views expressed on the subject, it is respectfully suggested that each member designate a representative to meet with the Executive Secretary as an ad hoc committee to reconcile these views and to prepare an agreed procedure for reconsideration by the Council members.

SIDNEY W. SOVERS  
Executive Secretary

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